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There's no shortage of things for Americans to gripe about these days: the crummy job market, swine flu, another season of *Wife Swap*. But for every headache, there are a dozen reasons why there's no place on earth we'd rather be. Here, our definitive list of the homegrown innovations, trends, people, and places that has us hoisting our Coors Lights (brewed here!) to toast the good of Stars and Stripes

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REASONS
WE LOVE
AMERICA

1 Rocky hybrids: Labradoodles, the Frenchie Escape, Komondor skirts

2 Messy-haired warden: Marjorie, Harriet, Vinodis, Levi's, Converse One Stars, Burt's Bees lip balm, Ray-Ban Wayfarers

3 Black-eyed Susans, California redwoods, saguaro cacti

4 The fact that 64% of us have deep-fried a turkey or know someone who has

5 Office Oscar pools

6 *Annie Hall*

7 Shia LaBeouf

8 Ladies' back slubs — where we consume more. Pinot than pages

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